(c) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. Hence, the Government does not decide provisions of air connectivity to specific places.

New international airport at Noida

†107. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the prescribed distance norms for international airports and to construct a new international airport at Noida in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when its construction is targeted to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to construct a new international airport at Noida.

(b) Does not arise.

Coordination with IAF for use of air space

108. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to use more air space which is in the control of Indian Air Force by coordinating with them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Coordination procedures and agreement in this regard are to be finalised through inter-ministerial consultations.

(c) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.